

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of correcting a deformity by performing an osteotomy in a bone at an osteotomy site using a bone plate, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) resecting the bone from a first side of the bone to a second side of the bone so as to leave a bony hinge on the second side;

5 (b) opening the resection to a depth at which the deformity is corrected;

(c) placing the bone plate in a location such that the bone plate spans the open resection; and

(d) packing the resection with prepackaged graft material provided in three sections, including two larger outer pieces, and a smaller inner piece.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of packing the resection includes the steps of inserting the smaller inner piece behind the bone plate, and inserting the two larger outer pieces on either side of the smaller wedge within the resection.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein the two larger outer pieces have outer surfaces formed of cortical bone.

4. The method of claim 2, wherein the step of inserting the smaller inner piece takes place prior to placing the bone plate.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the graft material is provided in a wedge shape.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the graft material comprises allograft bone.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the graft material comprises synthetic bone.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein the synthetic bone comprises a biodegradable polylactide combined with a hydroxyapatite or tricalcium phosphate.

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